

IRMA TIMES

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Hear Mr. R. A. Barron Talk on Consolidated Schools June 8th, at 2 P. M.

Percy Costin With American Army in France Writes

In France, April 16, 1918.
Dear Cliff:—I received your letter yesterday and it surely seemed like old times when we had an opportunity to chat over the events. One surely enjoys a breezy letter like that when one is "over here." The vicinity surely did well on their Red Cross Sale especially after what they previously raised. Your description of winter's fun made me a little homesick for a good time. But this is my own choosing and although we have had to do many things we never expected to, if I were in Chicago now, I would enlist again. About two weeks ago we got our "Y" hut. We also have a Player Piano. We have some good Co. concerts, in fact are credited with having the best talent in camp. Then last Wednesday the "Y" had two of their American entertainers here. The young lady was a very accomplished pianist and was a very sweet singer. Mr. Hunter had a good voice too. After giving their parts they volunteered to sing and play any selections we wished and for all to join in. This Thursday we are to have two French ones. The Mme. is a violinist and M. a comedian. Our movie machine is expected any day. On Sundays religious services both Catholic and Protestant are held. Believe me the "Y" is a great organization. Then too, they have a good canteen, in which things are sold at cost. Some things we can buy cheaper than in the United States.

We are now having our rainy season, or at least I hope we are as it has rained for eighteen consecutive days. We have accomplished almost the impossible since coming here and I am now an expert shoveller, concrete man and chauffeur of an Irish Ford, not to mention lumber, etc. I will never be stuck for a job when I get back to America. Don't you want to bet ten francs on today's game? Of course I'll back the Sox. Well we had to have some good times together in the outfield.

Please remember me to the bunch. With best wishes I remain
Percy E. Costin,
Ice Plant Co., No. 301,
American E.F., A.P.O.,
No. 713, France.

COAL SPRINGS

H. Knudson departed on Tuesday for Frohisher. Sank to look after his farm interests in that vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Erickson, J. L. Erickson, N. L. Fuder and family and the H. Knudson family were among those who took in the Sports at Hardisty Monday.

Olaf Larson and family made a trip to Killam and vicinity Sunday last.

Henry Kasten is hauling the material for the erection of a large implement shed, size 30 x 60.

School Report.

Irma school standing for May: Grade VI—Arthur Pheasey 98.6, Wilmer Rae 69.4

Grade III—Chris Burton 97, Chas. Peterson 89.6.

Grade II—Maude Smallwood 94, Kathleen Clute 91.

Grade I—Lennie Peterson, George McCulley.

Those getting their names on the Honour Roll for Perfect Attendance: Chris Burton, Alex Smallwood, George Fischer, Maude Smallwood, Lorne Milburn.

Lists of Available Lands Ready For Intending Settlers

In view of the rapid exhaustion during recent years of available Crown Lands in close proximity to the railways, a shortage which has been accentuated by the reservation in the interests of soldier settlement, the desire on the part of prospective settlers to procure land within reasonable distance of a line of transportation has suggested to the Department of the Interior the listings of the names and addresses of the owners of those quarter-sections of unoccupied and non-producing lands which are lying dormant so far as agricultural production is concerned, the presumption being that in a number of cases the owners would be interested from either a financial or patriotic point of view, in offers on the part of prospective settlers to purchase or lease their holdings.

The vital necessity for increasing the acreage under crop makes it essential that assistance be rendered by all agencies that might be instrumental in assisting the "back to the land" movement. Now that the truth of the somewhat crude expression attributed to Napoleon that "an army travels upon its stomach" is being emphasized more and more as the "Great War" progresses, no better argument could possibly be advanced as to the imperative need for increasing our production which of course entails an immediate increase in the acreage under crop.

The lists are available for distribution covering the various lands districts throughout the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, those for Alberta to follow at an early date. Applicants should state the district in which they are interested when making application to the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa.

Edmonton Exhibition.

The agricultural side of the Exhibition, as is proper, occupies the centre place in all these preparations. Owing to the fact that the Military still hold part of the buildings, the exhibition authorities have found it difficult to make adequate accommodation, for all the live stock. But they have obtained the necessary accommodation, and judging from present prospects, this year's Edmonton Exhibition will see a new standard set, both in point of numbers and in the excellence of the exhibits. That Northern Alberta is essentially a mixed farming country is shown in the increase made in recent years; for instance, cattle in Alberta have increased by 500,000 head since 1914. The 440,000 head of swine in the province 1916 had grown to 730,000 in 1917. Sheep show a similar increase.

The entries for this year close on June 25th. Excursion rates have been obtained, and plans are under way whereby automobile excursions will be run to the Edmonton Exhibition; everything is being done by the directors to popularize the slogan for 1918—"WHERE CITY AND COUNTRY MEET."

CARD OF THANKS

Deeply appreciating the many tokens of goodwill shown to us in the hour of affliction and of bereavement we desire through this medium to express to the many kind friends our sincerest gratitude which in no way can recompense your kindness and thoughtful sympathy.

Guiltbert Comley,
W. G. Comley.

Co-Op Co. to Cur-tail Credit End of Their Business

Owing to the large number of accounts being carried on the books which now amounts to over \$5000 and the advantage of having the money on hand to buy more goods, the directors at their meeting Wednesday instructed the manager to collect all outstanding accounts and cut out all credit except to members holding paid up stock as per the constitution of the company.

It has always been the policy of the company to do as small a credit business as possible, but when the amount has increased as it has, it was decided that it would be folly to continue business on these basis.

Council Minutes.

Councillors of the Municipal District of Battle River No 423 met in Council chamber. Councillors present: Messrs Donaghue, Linnen, Smallwood, Golding, Gano and McDowell.

Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion of Mr. Linnen were adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. Golding that the following accounts be passed and paid.

Drs. Middlemas and Little \$40.00
Irma Times 5.75
G. W. Madden 21.85

Carried
Moved by Mr. Linnen that Sgt. E. R. Kirkpatrick be refunded \$24.32 of taxes paid. Carried

Moved by Mr. McDowell that a team be sent to bring grader to Ward 6 and Ward 1 and charge same to general fund. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Golding that Drs. McGregor, Middlemas and Little be appointed Medical Health officers for the Municipal District. Carried

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Sec'y be instructed to notify the Weed Inspectors to make written reports of all lands on which he has found noxious weeds also the kind of weeds found thereon. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gano that all soldiers or sailors be exempt from taxation after the 31st day of December 1917. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDowell that the petition for road along G. T. P. right of way through 26-45-9 W of 4th be accepted and Sec'y send plan of survey to Dept of Public Works to have surveyor sent to survey same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Golding that providing Mr. Henry Alm purchases the SW 1/4 21-44-8 W of 4th that the Council purchase amount taken for road allowance from Mr. Alm at \$10.00 per acre. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDowell that Council adjourn to meet July 10th. Carried.

Baseball Meeting.

Chas. Chevallier took the chair. E. T. McDowell sec'y pro tem. Chas. Chevallier was elected manager, L. G. Gulltner captain, R. J. Tate Sec'y-Treas.

Practice will be held every Friday evening on the ball diamond and the following players are requested to be on hand for practice:

Anderson, Gulltner, Dower, Capell, Jones, Ewer, Loss, Bill, Crawford, Erickson, Chevallier, Refer, Smith, Carpenter, Toll, Costin, Jackson and any other ball players in the district.

Short Notes of Activities Among Irma Agriculturists

Mr. V. Lindburg has bought the section joining his four north of Jarrow.

Mr. B. Stimpson has contracted to break 100 acres on NW 27-47-10 for Mr. Winwick.

Mr. Linburg and son have bought a new Chase tractor to be used on their farm north of Jarrow.

Local stock men are talking of the Calgary Exhibition and one or two are preparing exhibits.

H. W. Scott, Gov. Agricultural Agt. paid the district a visit this week.

Three or four nice showers have improved the crop conditions here. The outlook is good.

A number of breaking contracts have been arranged for this week.

The lumber yards of Irma report extensive building programs on the part of a number of Irma District farmers.

Mr. Scott is asking those planning breaking this season to keep in mind the value of working the land at the proper time after breaking.

Mr. J. G. Clark states that Clark Manor district expects to have a creditable showing at the Irma Fair. Some of the new centers expect to enter the lists.

The Merchants Bank at Irma is looking forward to a greatly extended service to the agricultural interests of the community, made possible by the splendid new business quarters they will have in their new building soon to be erected.

Every farmer should become a member of the Agricultural Society, membership fee \$1. The provincial government pay the society a grant of 1 dollar for every paid up member so that by paying your \$1 fee you benefit the Society to the extent of \$2. Join at once and help to make the Irma Fair the best on the Grand Trunk System.

IRMA MARKET

(Subject to change without notice)

Wheat—	
No. 1 Northern.....	200
No. 2	197
No. 3	194
No. 4	187
Oats—	
No. 2 CW.....	67
No. 1 feed, extra.....	64
Feed.....	61
Barley—	
No. 3.....	105
No. 4.....	110
Rye—	
No. 1.....	175
No. 2.....	170
Flax—	
No. 1 NW.....	335
No. 2 CW.....	332
No. 3 CW.....	312
Potatoes, per bus.....	1.25
Butter, per lb.....	35
Eggs, per doz.....	30
Flour.....	5.75
Sugar.....	2.25
Beef cows, per lb.....	10
Steers, per lb.....	6.11
Mutton, per lb.....	8
Hogs, per lb tops.....	17.4
Hay, per ton.....	6.00
Coal, per ton.....	5.00 to 6.50

Church Services.

Sunday services:
Orbinald 11 a. m.
Elliotts 3 p. m. Sunday school 2 p. m.
Irma 8 p. m. Sunday school 2 p. m.
Everybody Welcome.

Don't Forget to Hear Mr. Barron Saturday, June 8

Mr. R. A. Barron of the Department of Education will give a talk on consolidated schools, in the Co-op. hall on Saturday, June 8th, at 2 P. M. Everyone interested should be present and hear what Mr. Barron has to say regarding this movement.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. W. H. Maiden spent the holiday at Laqumbe.

George Hill is out to buy cattle and will give the best price.

H. W. Love was at the Capital on business the first of the week.

Geo. Hill shipped the first car of cattle from Irma this season.

Mrs. Chas. Kennedy is visiting the Capital this week.

Mrs. F. W. Watkinson spent last Sunday with Mrs. J. G. Clark at Clark Manor.

Mrs. G. M. Anderson went to Edmonton last Sunday where she intends staying for a few days.

Rev. H. C. Hockin, and Mr. J. G. Elliott attended the conference last week at Edmonton.

On account of the lack of patients in the isolation hospital the head nurse has handed in his resignation.

Lieut. A. Wimbles and family returned to Jarrow Wednesday, after spending a week in Edmonton.

The Irma school children contributed five dollars towards the soldiers' comforts overseas.

Jarrow Sunday School held a picnic and ball game on June 3rd when a good crowd attended and enjoyed themselves.

A good Fair is the best advertisement that a town can have. Get busy and help to make the Irma Fair the best ever.

Another library for the U.F.W.A. has arrived from the Department of Extension. Books may be had at the school Tuesdays and Fridays at 3.30 P.M.

The proceeds from the Red Cross dance at H. Whiddon's new barn amounted to \$161.80 and has been turned in to the headquarters. Mr. Whiddon's barn is 36 x 70' with a stone basement and is a great credit to the district.

Pie A. J. McDermid returned from France, being gassed at the front. He is under treatment at the Military Hospital, Strathcona. It will be some time before he is able to carry on his usual occupation as engineer.

J. H. Elliot Sr. returned from a week at Conference in Edmonton and reports a series of fine programs and interesting services. Rev. Hockin will return to Irma to be a valued member of our community for another year.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the editor Irma Times.
Dear Sir—I should be much obliged if you would call the attention of the Municipal Council to the state of the road from town to the McKay Ranch. A few loads of gravel on the top of the clay would much improve it and fill the ruts which are a danger to automobiles and other traffic. Yours truly
Ratepayer.

Breezy News From Jarrow, and Say, Watch Her Grow

Watch Jarrow Grow.
Mrs. Loring is expected home on the seventeenth of this month.

Mr. T. T. Edmunds preached in Jarrow on Sunday last.

Mr. "Slim" Larson still continues to visit Jarrow but with a two seated Chevrolet.

While attending the Sunday school picnic Mrs. Mathews had sixty chickens killed by the dogs.

Contributors for publication in the Times please write on one side of the paper only.

Miss N. Young, teacher at Metropolitan school spent the week end at her home in Edmonton.

A very delightful evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore on Wednesday last, the occasion being a farewell for the boys leaving for Sarcee.

Rev. Bailey had expected to attend conference in Edmonton but did not go on account of Mrs. Comley's death. Rev. T. T. Edmunds of Kinsella, conducted the services in Jarrow Sunday night.

The Sunday school picnic proved a great success in spite of the showers. A very exciting baseball game between the single and married men of Jarrow and district was enjoyed, the single men carrying off the honors.

While closing a gate west of town Miss Alice Iverbo's team suddenly took fright and dashed away upsetting a can of cream and other things. Mr. Paul Loring proved himself a hero by rescuing the team and returning it to the owner.

Rev. T. T. Edmunds will preach at Metropolitan and Melbra schools on Sunday and at Jarrow Sunday evening in absence of Rev. M. Bailey at M. E. Conference. Subject, thoughts suggested by hearing Ralph Connor's message "From the Trenches to the Throne." Non-church goers specially invited.

Rev. T. T. Edmunds of the Kinsella district who has been away for some time has returned home. He has been thru northern B. C., western and eastern Washington and Idaho but believes Alberta is O. K. and has lots of things way ahead of much that is highly advertised in other places.

Mrs. Margaret Robson Comley, wife of Mr. Gilbert Comley, and a sister of Mrs. Robt. Herron, died last Friday after a lingering painful illness. Funeral services were held on the lawn of the Comley home Sunday forenoon were very widely attended. Rev. M. Bailey preached an impressive funeral service at the grave. Internment took place in the Irma cemetery.

Deceased was a native of Dundee, Scotland, born in 1880 and had been two years in this country. She had a host of friends not only in Jarrow but in Loughhead and Irma districts and they came many to pay their last tribute of respect. Both Melbrae and Metropolitan services adjourned. Mrs. Comley had been for years a member of the established Presbyterian church of Scotland. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband and sister.

Jarrow Red Cross

There will be a meeting of the Jarrow Red Cross at the home of Mrs. J. E. Holloway, on Wednesday July 12th at 3 p. m. A good attendance is requested.

MAID MARJORY

— BY —

L. G. MOBERLY

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Betty was distracted by her mother's condition, and scarcely less distracted by the problem of how to make two very far apart ends meet; overwhelmed by the evidence of debt and extravagance revealed by her mother's papers, papers which showed indisputably that the rope of her mother's demands by Drake had long ago been sold. The girl, by nature upright and honest, shrank with misgiving at the revelation of petty debt and petty subtleties which she discovered as she tried to bring something like order into her mother's business affairs; and it was with a feeling very nearly akin to despair that she sat one morning at the writing table in the room where the bills and papers piled up before her. To disentangle the masses of figures, to understand the elaborate processes of borrowing—which seemed to have been her mother's only way of keeping her head above water, was like struggling in the mazes of a labyrinth; and Betty, with all her pluck, all her energy, felt her heart sink deeper and deeper as the intricacies of the labyrinth grew more bewildering.

Connie, to whom for her mother's sake she had written to ask for help, had written a cold refusal, saying that she had no money with which to help anybody, inveighing against her husband's lack of generosity towards her, and reviling him in no measured terms.

"Connie does not seem to have found a bed of roses," Betty reflected; "she would have done better to stick to poor old Geoffrey, who would have given her a very moral thing she wanted. And yet, if she had married him, he could not have done much for her now. He isn't a millionaire, any more than I wonder whether, if he had married Connie, he would have given up everything to Marjory as 'a lost cause.' Oh! yes, of course he would. Geoffrey would always have been Geoffrey, the straightest soul that ever lived. When he found out about Marjory's rights, he would have done just what he has done—and Connie would have kicked against his decision quite in vain. Geoffrey is like a rock where right is concerned, and he was sure about Marjory's right to the money. She signed a tiny little sigh as their poverty and Marjory's wealth were suddenly contrasted in her mind; but in a moment she had scolded herself for the sigh, and was bending again over her task, with the door opened softly, and Marjory herself came into the room.

"I had to come," she exclaimed, her brown eyes looking into Betty's face with eager affection. "The lawyers have written to me about my uncle's will. It doesn't mean anything of it in the least, but at least I can see that some great wrong must have been done. It is quite plain that he knew Mrs. Tredway had a claim upon him, and I have come to ask you about it. If he had done your mother any wrong, the wrong must be set right." Betty smiled up into the eagerly eager face with a sad little smile.

"What a perfect dear you are, Marjory. You talk as if wrongs could be swept aside so easily. But things can't be set right so easily. Betty put her hand on the other girl's shoulder. "It doesn't mean just to see you. You are like a lovely fresh breeze off your own downs. What is there about you that makes one feel better the moment you are there? I used to feel it when you were masquerading as a maid. I feel it just the same now that you are playing your own part of millonair."

"Don't," Marjory answered, taking Betty's hands into hers and looking keenly into the girl's tired face. "I feel much more as if I were masquerading now than did when I was a maid. I sometimes have to pinch myself to be sure I am not living in a dream. It is so absurd for me to be the mistress of that great house and all its loveliness."

It must be a very comfortable sort of absurdity," Betty answered with a rather rueful little laugh. "But it's all like a glorious fairy tale. Do you feel like a princess? It must be simply heavenly to wake one morning and find yourself rich and with a beautiful house all your own. Come and talk to me and tell me all about your new belongings. It is good to see you. I was just at the last gasp of weariness and worry."

"I haven't come here to talk about myself and my own belongings. I have come to talk about you. I want to help you out of the weariness and worry." Marjory's tones were very gentle. "I have come on purpose to tell your mother that I do not intend to benefit by my uncle's will; I will not touch a penny of his money. I have more than enough as it is, and it is quite evident that in some way it is Mrs. Tredway to whom he ought to have left his fortune."

"No, oh, no," Betty put out her hands impetuously. "Mother shall not touch that money. She has no

right to touch it. I will work for her; I will work my fingers to the bone for her—but she shall not touch Mr. Drake's money. She wronged him too much; she took too much misery and bitterness between them. She could not take his money."

At the recitation of those words, a mystified look crossed Marjory's face, and Betty flushed deeply. "I ought not to have said all that; it is not fair to mother to go into any details about the past and all that happened. Only, Marjory, please understand that when Mr. Drake's money is concerned, we could not possibly take any of it," she exclaimed. "Don't think I am ungrateful. It was like you to think of giving up the money, and thank you for your dear, generous thought, but mother could not ever agree to do what you suggest. It is impossible. I am trying to settle up everything here, and then when mother is better, I think, if it can be done, I shall persuade her to come away with me to some new country where we can start life afresh."

"It is just as if something has happened inside her, and she is sunk in a sort of lethargy," Betty continued, the sympathetic glance of Marjory's eyes seemed to reassure her—she has had a great shock, and nothing seems to rouse her. She just lies there day after day as if she could not take any interest in anything. It is dreadfully pathetic to see her and nothing we do seems to help her."

"Would she see me?" Betty's glance rested for a moment on Marjory's face, then she exclaimed impulsively: "I believe you could perhaps do more for her than any of us can," she said; "you are so—so alive, and so good; not with a horrible canting sort of goodness, but with the real kind. There is something about you that makes one feel sure there is still a lot of goodness left in the world."

"Of course there is a lot of goodness left," Marjory smiled her happy smile. "However topsy-turvy things seem to be, there is always a soul of goodness in them. I am perfectly sure of that."

Betty's words, "she is sunk in a sort of lethargy," came back to Marjory when a few minutes later she stood beside Mrs. Tredway's bed and met the glance of the heavy, lack-lustre eyes. Unbidden there rose before her the remembrance that other occasion when she had stood by this bedside, on the morning when Mrs. Tredway had dispatched her on that strange errand to Matthew Drake. But the faint curiosity brought to her mind by that recollection was swamped by the pity for the woman before her who looked so worn, so wretched, such a shadow of her former self.

The Oldest Meadow

Has Been in Grass for About a Hundred and Fifty Years

In England there is a meadow that has been in grass for about a hundred and fifty years. As far as we know this meadow has never been plowed, has never been harvested, has never been reseeded. It lies on the grounds of the famous Rothamsted Experiment Station, and is the best example of what may be done on poor ground. It is a large field of good quality hay. It is a standing example of those of our ancestors who lived in the past. It is quite certain that they cannot leave their meadows down more than two or three years because the timothy "breaks out" and the land becomes infested with weeds, wild grasses and the like.

Years ago the Rothamsted people commenced to grow this field. This top-dressing consisted in the main of commercial fertilizers, although a third of the field was left as a natural meadow. It has renewed the grasses, brought in clover and driven out weeds. One treatment has favored the growth of grasses; another has increased clover, at the expense of both grasses and weeds; while a third treatment, which is said to soil acidity, has not been markedly successful. It is worth while to study these practices just to get the sake of the lessons they teach us.

One field was left entirely without fertilizer. The average yield has been a little more than a ton to the acre, which is about as much as the average farmer in Canada has been able to obtain. Sixty-five per cent. of the crop consisted of good and poor grass, nine per cent. was clover and one kind or another, and twenty-six per cent. was nothing but weeds.

Australian Wheat to Help

A report from Washington states that millions of bushels of Australian wheat will soon be pouring into Pacific ports to release more American grain for Europe. Negotiations with Japan and Scandinavian countries for shipping, now practically completed, will permit the landing of over one and one-half million bushels of Australian wheat a month on the California coast. This will enable Food Administrator Hoover to ship 3,000,000 bushels of wheat immediately to Belgium to relieve starvation conditions there. Hoover's program calls for arrival at Pacific ports of 1,665,000 bushels of wheat a month.

They Still Joke in England

"Just ask Dr. Jones to run around to my place right away. Our cock's fallen downstairs, broke her leg; the housemaid's got chicken pox, and my two boys have been knocked down by a taxi."

"I'm sorry sir, but the doctor was blown up in yesterday's air raid and he won't be down for a week or two."

Give Back Yard a Chance

A backyard can grow a crop just as well as the rural market garden. Some people have an idea that a poor soil will not produce a crop. This is a mistake. Dig it well and fertilize it with leaves and street sweepings.

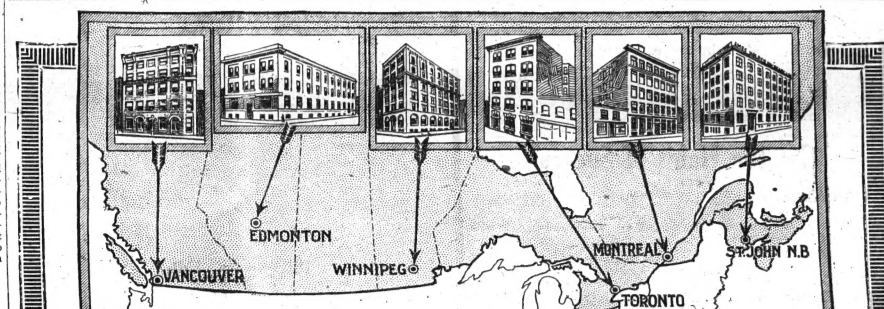
Death Is Not Terrible

Life Has a Plan and Moves to One Supreme Moment

All life—if we believe life has a plan and is not an aimless scramble in the dark—moves to one supreme moment. For those who have fallen that moment has come; for us who survive to lament their loss and to honor their memory it is perhaps near at hand. By what we do and think behind the lines we shall be judged, and by it our country will stand or fall. For their souls is the crown of everlasting life; for us to show by our fortitude, our decision, our energy, that we are worthy of them. These are hours when all might remember Robert Louis Stevenson's great prayer: "Let not our beloved blush for us, nor we for them. Grant us but that, and grant us courage to endure lesser ills unshaken, and to accept death, loss, and disappointment as it were straw upon the tide of life." It is not death that is terrible, but shame, and a man suffers no shame, when, putting forth all his strength, he fights steadily in a great cause to the very end. It was an old French seaman's proverb, and one which life has proved true, that "not the first shot but the last brings victory."—London Daily Mail.

Britain's "Baby Army"

When the British troops reached Italy they were nicknamed "The Baby Army." The Italians were so surprised at the smart appearance of the newcomers—differing so markedly from the old troops—discontented by the home troops, when they passed—that, in the belief that they had come straight from England, they were called "The Baby Army." As a matter of fact the British soldiers were war-worn veterans from the Ypres salient.



How Canada's Greatest Shoe House Supplies the Nation's Footwear

CONSIDER the amount of time and the infinite care you take when buying footwear to suit your own taste in regard to style, size, etc. Multiply your own individual needs by millions and you will get an idea of the immense task which confronts the makers of Canada's footwear, and the size of the organization it is necessary to maintain for that purpose.

The buying of a single pair of shoes is an event that occupies a person but a few moments two or three times a year—but to meet the accumulated demand of a nation's individuals, it requires the whole resources of a gigantic industry. Ames Holden McCready are truly "Shoemakers to the Nation." It is a title justified by their size and the importance of their business.

It may be a revelation to many Canadians to know that to supply them with proper footwear, this firm maintains huge factories each with many acres of floor space, and hundreds of intricate, almost human, machines—facilities and equipment sufficient to turn out 8,000 pairs of shoes every working day.

It requires a small army of workpeople, clerks and warehousemen, in addition to executives, buyers and travellers.

It requires much study and thought to plan styles and models of Men's, Women's and Children's shoes in their various grades and styles.

In order to secure the best results in the production of various kinds and grades, it is also necessary to specialize.

For example: Ames Holden McCready factories are separated into three distinct factory units, each a complete factory in itself.

One unit of our factories is devoted entirely to the manufacture of high grade footwear for Women and Children. Consider the great variety of styles in women's footwear, including high-top boots, oxfords and pumps.

Consider the many different patterns and lasts, the varieties and shades of leather and finish—then you will see what a great number of models are required to meet the widely different needs of Canadian women in the cities and towns and also in the country districts.

Another factory unit is devoted to making only the better grades and styles of Men's Shoes—shoes for professional men, lawyers, doctors, and all business men, whose occupations permit the use of fine leathers such as calf and kid.

The third unit specializes in sturdier types of shoes for heavy wear and rough usage. Shoes for farmers, lumbermen, miners, trappers, and workpeople who require a heavier and more solidly-constructed boot.

In addition to the work of manufacture—the requirements of distribution are also tremendous. A manufacturer must not only make his goods economically and well—but he must deliver them—DISTRIBUTE them. Therefore, in addition to a force of 60 travellers constantly visiting the retail trade from coast to coast, Ames Holden McCready maintain, in the centres of population throughout Canada, immense stocks of boots and shoes ready for immediate shipment to the retailers in each section.

These warehouses are located in the following cities:

St. John, Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver.

Years of experience has taught us the kind and styles of boots which are required in each locality. No matter in what part of Canada you reside, no matter what particular kind of shoe you require, your retail dealer can procure it for you without loss of time.

And that is the reason why you will find, even in the outlying districts, that dealers selling Ames Holden McCready goods are up-to-date with stocks that are fresh and new, and which reflect the latest shapes and styles.

When you see the A.H.M. trade mark on a shoe, you know that not only is that mark an endorsement by the largest shoe concern in Canada, but that being the product of a highly organized industry, the shoe you are buying represents the utmost in value, style and wearing qualities which can be obtained at the price.

AMES HOLDEN MCCREADY LIMITED

"Shoemakers to the Nation"

ST. JOHN, MONTREAL, TORONTO, WINNIPEG, EDMONTON, VANCOUVER

When you buy shoes look for—

—this Trade mark on every sole.



MURINS Granulated Eyelids.
Sore Eyes, Eyes Inflamed by Sun, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Murins. Try it in your Eyes and in Baby's Eyes.
YOUR EYES.—Murins, Just Eye-Cosmetics.
Murins Eye Remedy is Dr. O'Driscoll's or Dr. O'Driscoll's Eye Remedy. It is the only Eye Remedy that is safe, reliable, and does not harm the eyes.
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That you were plucked by that dear hand
To journey o'er the sea.

You flourished there in No Man's land,
Rocked gently by the breeze,
Secure as in some peaceful strand,
Or neath old forest trees.

Where war—and every frightful sound,
And deed, and thought, and sight,
All that abhors, does not abound,
Naught does the Soul affright.

How can it be that you came through
Amidst that throng of men and guns,
Still sweet, and pure, and fragrant too,
In spite of all destroying huns?

Ah, little flowers, I hear it plain:
The word to me from you,
Our God, who kept you, o'er the main,
Can keep our Laddies, too.

And, as you reached your journey's end,
Although so small and frail,
Thus know we—That with God our friend,
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—Mrs. Wm. E. Walker.

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Thinking of one who is far away,
Here is a line and there a mark.

Then comes a sister dark or fair
Patiently waiting for him each day,
Sisterly love and longing there,
She prays they may meet over the way.

The battles they fight are nobly won,
Each soldier has his joy,
Then when their duty there is done,
Then we look for our dear soldier boy.

God bless our noble men,
Honor and love be theirs,
May they come home again,
In answer to their loved ones prayers.

—Dorothy T. Johnstone

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The rooted trees in torture twist their heads
And with loud moanings creak in all their joints.

The thunder peals, and lightning veins the sky;
The rain descends in torrents to the ground
The elements rage on, below, on high,
Till the last bolt is shot, and calm unbound.

And not till then the sun comes splendid out,
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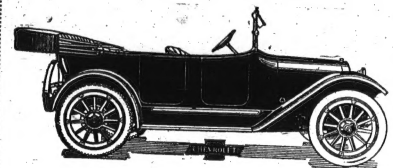
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VIKING
The Bruce Junior baseball team vs Viking Juniors at the local ball grounds next Saturday. Come out and root.

Jim Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor has enlisted in the infantry and is at Sarcee camp with the other Viking boys.

Göw & Joe of the Viking Cafe gave the departing boys a fine feed last Thursday evening which the boys enjoyed and appreciated very much.

The Viking basketball girls lost a game to Sedgewick at the Cleveland Bros. picnic grounds last Monday afternoon by the score of 6 to 7. A return game will be played at Viking next Saturday afternoon. Several auto loads of people from this district were in attendance at the game and dance in the evening.

Several of the boys who have been called for Military Service were tendered a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wemp, north of town last Thursday. About forty people were present and did justice to the meal prepared by Mrs. Wemp. The boys were all in jovial spirits and will long remember the happy time given them.

Among the stock shipped from Ohio, by W. J. Jones recently, is a pure bred two year old Percheron stallion, one pure bred stallion colt one pure bred Belgian colt, a pure bred Percheron 2 year old filly, and a pure bred Percheron mare. The stallion and the mare are prize winners at the Ohio state fair and other fairs in the United States. These animals are a fine addition to the pure bred stock coming into this district.

The whole country-side and most of those who had cars in town took in the dance in Steve Swift's new barn, twelve miles north of town Wednesday evening, May 26th. The dance was held in the large hay mow and there was plenty of room for all. Barker's Orchestra was on the job and furnished the music. Lunch was served at midnight by "mine-host" Swift. From the sale of ice cream and a collection the neat sum of \$63.80 was realized which was turned over to the local Red Cross Society. Many of the boys called out for military service were present for whom the dance was given. Everyone present report a real fine time.

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SETTLEMENT OF OUR IDLE LANDS QUESTION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

LARGE AREAS ARE IN HANDS OF SPECULATORS

Twenty Million Idle Acres of Arable Land in the Three Prairie Provinces, a Condition Which is Holding Up Productive Effort in a Time of National Stress

A short time ago Dr. J. G. Ruth, Calgary, addressing a meeting at Calgary, is reported to have made the statement that although there are about 80,000,000 acres of arable land in the province of Alberta, and although it is now practically impossible to find a desirable homestead, there are under cultivation only 3,000,000 acres.

Mr. J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg, is authority for the statement that there are 20,000,000 acres of arable land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in the possession of railway companies, the Hudson Bay Co., and other large corporations.

The total land area of the province of Saskatchewan is placed at 155,764,000 acres. Of this amount 94,000,000 acres are estimated as being available and fit for crop production, but only 36,800,698 acres are at present occupied as farm land, and of this amount only 19,632,206, or about one-half, is improved land, and only 14,678,042 acres were in crop last year. In other words, out of 94,000 acres estimated as being available and fit for agricultural production, 80,000,000 acres were not in crop last year.

With almost 60,000,000 acres of arable land in Saskatchewan unoccupied, there are less than 5,000,000 acres now available for homestead entry, and generally speaking, this land is so far removed from railway and other marketing facilities as to be impracticable for immediate occupancy and development.

There is only one conclusion that can be drawn from these figures, and that is that much of this land is in the hands of speculators, who secured it at a very nominal price, and who are holding it for sale at unreasonable high prices with a view to becoming inordinately rich out of it, not as a result of their own labor, but purely by parasitical speculation.

Speaking of the situation in Alberta, what is true of Alberta is true of Saskatchewan as well as of Alberta. Mr. Walker declares that the land can only be had by paying a big price for it, and yet the holders of this uncultivated land have done nothing, and will do nothing, to help any productive use of it at a time when the whole world is crying for food.

This condition of things, which is paralyzing productive effort and the development of these western provinces, calls for action on the part of both the Dominion and Provincial governments. In regard to some of these matters the provincial government and legislature have no jurisdiction; action must be taken at Ottawa.

Mr. J. Bruce Walker urges that the lands which are now held by railway companies, the Hudson Bay Co., and other large corporations which obtained them from the Dominion, should be utilized by the federal authorities for the returned soldiers who will undertake farming under the soldiers' settlement act.

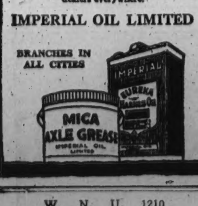
And force is added to this suggestion by the statement that the bulk of these 20,000,000 acres are situated reasonably near to railways.

She laid the still, white form before those which had gone before. Neither sob nor high forced cry came from her heart, throbbing as though it would burst. Suddenly, a cry pierced the air—a heart-rending shriek! Then silence prevailed.

Presently another cry, more terrible than the first arose. Then all was still save for a low gurgling which seemed to well up from her very soul. Quietly she rose and walked away. She will lay another egg to-morrow.

Happy Thought
Miss Aakle—Does your husband smoke those cigars you gave him Christmas?

Mrs. Nuwed—He smoked one and then he went to bed. I told him to remind him of my kindness—Missouri Mule.



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Take Up the Torch

There Must Be No More Shaking and Slacking

Let us take up the Torch. Let the whole nation show that it understands what is now at stake. The first and gravest need is men to fill the gaps in "this swift and joyous generation of youth, now fighting and falling on the battlefield for great glory and the world's salvation." The "comb-out" must go forward, and there must be no more shirking and slacking. It is something that the nation has already realized the situation, and that as the result of the electrifying speech made recently by the prime minister, with the news fresh before him that our troops were struggling against odds but were holding their ground, they have decided that the calling up of men from their ranks shall go through. "This is the right spirit. It is the crisis of our fate. Let the answer go back behind the lines."

No parleying now! In Britain is one breath;

We all are with you now from shore to shore

Ye Men of Ours, 'this Victory or Death.—London Daily Mail

Increased Hog Production

Greater Hog Production in Western Canada

The chief and gratifying result of the campaign for greater hog production in Western Canada is that pigs are now being kept by many farmers who did not previously handle them. In most cases they were able to secure them from their neighbors, but about 350 were disposed of by the Saskatchewan department of agriculture, who received applications for many more hogs than could be supplied by them.

So great is the demand that the live stock branch had to abandon the intention of keeping a number of sows on hand until after they had farrowed, and then placing the young pigs among the farmers.

The government of Alberta, through the provincial live stock commissioner bought at the packing plants and stock yards and kept at the exhibition ground at Edmonton, 330 hogs. The females were all graded, but were chosen as being the most true to type. Yorkshire, Duroc-Jersey, Berkshire and Poland China boars were secured and the whole stock have been disposed of to farmers in the province.

It is certain that the campaign will result in a very large increase in the number of hogs in Western Canada next fall.

Reserved Homestead Lands

Homesteads held for soldiers overseas and by men employed in war work can be leased by the government for the purpose of cultivation.

An order in council to this effect has been received by western land agents. The same conditions apply to homesteads held for entry by insane or deceased persons. This ruling is expected to aid the greater production drive and also the soldiers who hold the land. Their land will be broken up and leased under this order, and may be cultivated once or twice before they are ready to take it over for farming purposes.

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Taking No Chances
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Landlady—I can't say offhand. You must play me something first.

Non-Essential Industries

The British Method of Dealing With Them and With Labor Questions

The policy followed by the British government for the regulation of non-essential industries eliminates many of the difficulties experienced by our manufacturers under the present inefficient system. In England all industries are considered non-essential that are not directly necessary for the successful conduct of the war; but because an industry is non-essential it is by no means discouraged or forbidden, provided it does not use materials that are required in some other industry manufacturing war materials. On the contrary, all kinds of businesses have been encouraged to go on exactly as in peace time, subject only to regulations relating to the use of materials and labor; for labor, of course, is scarce in England, and whenever required for the making of war materials must not be spared for non-essential industries. The fact, however, that all labor is engaged through government employment agencies makes the control very simple, and every manufacturer may know on inquiry, at all times, the exact situation.

British non-essential industries that require iron or steel, or, in general, any class of metal, are practically at a standstill, because all of these materials are required for the war industries, and there is nothing to spare. Even such industries as manufacturers in the machine industries have been given war contracts, so that their shops are usually well filled with work, and if they are not forced for the time being to give up their regular line of manufacture.

The manner in which Great Britain has handled the labor problem also points a lesson for us. Both labor and capital are governed by war munitions acts, and this act was not adopted by a number of politicians. Every paragraph in it was accepted by the government officials, the manufacturers' associations and the labor union conference. This act places all factories making war materials theoretically under government control, although this control is exercised only in case it becomes absolutely necessary. Only two or three plants have been taken over by the government under this act.

"The manufacturers' of war materials agreed to let their production be limited to an increase of one-fifth of the average profits of the two years preceding the war. The trade unions agreed to let their production be limited to an increase of one-fifth of the average profits of the two years preceding the war. The result was that the wages of the employees should remain fixed at the level that existed at the time the act was passed, but in case living expenses went up a government increase in wages was applied to all employees on war work is payable by the employer, but is recovered by the government.

As a result, there have been but few serious strikes in Great Britain since the war began, and none of them has lasted for more than a week, or has any of them been due to a question of wages.

British and American Unity

The Moral and Spiritual Reunion of Great Britain and the United States

One service Germany has done the world is to have led the moral and spiritual reunion of Great Britain and the United States. In the fierce light of this war both peoples are seeing with new clarity the historical and idealistic bonds that unite them. The ideal is fundamentally the same, and that Germany is the enemy of all that is noble in liberty and civilization.

A syllabus prepared by the department of English of the University of North Carolina deserves special mention because of its recognition of the debt of the United States to the British tradition of freedom. It outlines the elaborate and extensive plan used in the whole undertaking is employed in this essential branch, and that eight-tenths of the capital outlay.

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Next to the actual winning of the war there is nothing that so much concerns the people of Canada, at the moment as the necessity of producing during the current year the largest possible quantity of wheat. That there is reason for this concern there can be no doubt, says the Toronto Globe.

According to the figures compiled by the international institute of agriculture, the total yield in eighteen wheat-producing countries of the northern hemisphere in 1917 was in both quality and per acre considerably below the average of the five-year period of 1911-15.

The total yield of wheat in these sixteen countries, which of course includes Canada and the United States, was 1,868,352,000 bushels, or an average for the five-year period of 2,183,551,000 bushels, while the average per acre was 13.83 and 15.61 bushels, respectively. But Canada's wheat production in this particular grain. As a result of these two factors—short crop and submarine menace—the situation in Canada's wheat supply has become most serious.

Canada's potential possibilities in respect to increased production of wheat are greater than those of any other country in the world, owing to the fact that she has by far the largest available area of uncultivated land. Some years ago Mr. Wm. Saunders, then director of Dominion Experimental Farms, estimated that if one-fourth of the suitable land in the west was under cultivation, Canada could annually produce 812,000,000 bushels of wheat, sufficient, he estimated, to meet the requirements of the home market even if it had a population of thirty million. Wheat growing was naturally one of Canada's earliest industries. The initial effort was made as long ago as 1605, when a field at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, was set apart for its cultivation. About the middle of the nineteenth century a marked development took place in the production of wheat in Canada, the total yield in Upper and Lower Canada, according to census figures, being 1,455,000 bushels in 1841 to 1,000,000 in 1851. Of the latter quantity 1,029,892 bushels was credited to Upper Canada, which led the United States in wheat production in Canada to report to his government at Washington that "there is probably no other country where there is so much wheat grown in proportion to population and the area under cultivation as in that part of Canada known as the West. The per capita production in Upper Canada at that time was 13.33 bushels.

The British Dyes Company, promoted by the board of trade, with the assistance of the treasury, to take the position held before the war by the German dye industry, has been over two years and is able to report good progress. The works at Leeds, which have been expanded to the proportions of a small town and are still expanding. The directors have gone to the heart of the German dye industry, but by making "intermediates" that the Germans forced the whole world to depend on them in this great industry. Now "intermediates" are being made at Huddersfield, and the most elaborate and expensive plant used in the whole undertaking is employed in this essential branch, and that eight-tenths of the capital outlay.

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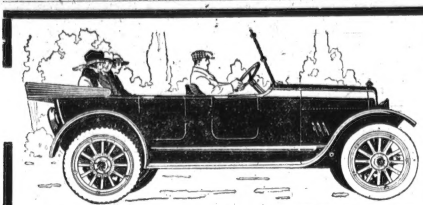
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NOTICE is hereby given that, under the provisions of an Order in Council (P.C. 1013), of the 20th April, 1918, upon and after the 1st day of June, 1918, every male person who is not on active service in any of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Naval or Military Forces of His Majesty's Allies, and who apparently may be, or is reasonably suspected to be, within the description of Class One under the Military Service Act, 1917, by whom or on whose behalf, it is at any time affirmed, claimed or alleged that he is not, whether by reason of age, status, nationality, exception, or otherwise, within Class One under the Military Service Act, 1917, as defined for the time being or that, although within the said Class, he is exempted from or not liable to military service; shall have with him upon his person at all times or in or upon any building or premises where he at any time is,

AGE

If it be claimed that he is not within the class by reason of age, an official certificate of the date of his birth, or a certificate of his age signed by two reputable citizens residing in the community in which he lives and having knowledge of the fact; or

MARRIAGE

If it be claimed that he is not within the Class by reason of marriage, a certificate, either official or signed by two reputable citizens residing in the community in which he lives and having knowledge of the facts, certifying to his marriage and that his wife is living; or

NATIONALITY

If it be claimed that he is not within the Class by reason of his nationality, a certificate of his nationality signed by a Consul or Vice-Consul of the foreign State or Country to which he claims his allegiance is due; or a passport issued by the Government of that Country establishing his nationality; or

ACTIVE SERVICE

If it be claimed that he is exempted as a member of any of His Majesty's Forces or as having since the 4th August, 1914, served in the Military or Naval Forces of Great Britain or her Allies in any theatre of actual war and has been honourably discharged therefrom, official documents or an official certificate evidencing the fact; or

CLERGY

If it be claimed that he is exempted as a member of the clergy, or of any recognized order of an exclusively religious character, or is a minister of a religious denomination existing in Canada on 29th August, 1917, or as being a

member of any other society or body, a certificate of the fact signed by an office-holder competent to certify under the regulations of the church, order or denomination, society or body, to which he belongs; or

EXEMPTION

If it be claimed that he is exempted from or not liable to military service by reason of any exemption granted or claimed or application pending under the Military Service Act, 1917, or the regulations thereunder, his exemption papers, or a certificate of the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the district to which he belongs evidencing the fact; or

OTHER CLASS

If it be claimed that he is not within the Class, or that he is exempted, not liable or excepted upon any other ground, a certificate of two reputable citizens residing in the community where he lives having knowledge of the fact upon which the claim is founded and certifying thereto;

FAILURE TO CARRY REQUISITE EVIDENCE

If upon or after the 1st day of June, 1918, any such male person be found without the requisite evidence or certificate upon his person or in or upon the building or premises in which he is, he shall thereupon be presumed to be a person at the time liable for military service and to be a deserter or a deserter without leave;

PENALTY

And he shall also be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, or to both such fine and imprisonment; and moreover, any such person may forthwith be taken into military custody and may be there detained and required to perform military duty in the Canadian Expeditionary Force so long as his services shall be required, unless or until the fact be established to the satisfaction of competent authority that he is not liable for military duty.

FALSE CERTIFICATE

The use, signing or giving of any such certificate as hereinbefore mentioned shall, if the certificate be in any material respect false or misleading to the knowledge of the person using, signing, or giving the same, be an offence, punishable, upon summary conviction, by a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months and not less than one month.

ISSUED BY THE MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Ottawa, May 22, 1918.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that B.S. Stewart, of Irma, in the Province of Alberta, intends to apply for a license to operate a poolroom at Irma, Alberta. The application has been approved by E. H. Garrison. B. S. Stewart

NOTICE

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**Canada's Registration**
Its Purpose and Application

CANADA faces the gravest crisis in her history. Four years of war have taken from the Dominion a heavy toll in talent and labor, yet despite the shortage of man power, our Allies still depend on Canada to maintain her own fighting forces at full strength and to increase her exports of food and war materials, so vital to them, and to the successful prosecution of the war.

Every ounce by which Canada can increase her food production and every ounce Canada can save in her food consumption is needed for export to the Allies.

Should the war continue for another year, food cards and a rationing system may have to be instituted. It is the duty of Canada to be prepared for whatever situation circumstances may force upon her.

It is quite probable that before the war is won our Government may have to place restrictions upon the occupations in which men and women may engage. In such an event the Government wishes to be in a position to render all possible assistance in keeping our population usefully and profitably employed.

Registration Day, June 22nd

These conditions point to the necessity of Canada knowing the exact capabilities of her men and women at home.

All persons residing in Canada, male or female, British or alien of 16 years and over, will be required to register on June 22nd and truthfully answer the questions set forth upon the registration card.

It is not the Government's intention to conscript labour in any form, but to assist in directing it wisely.

so that every available unit of human energy may be utilized to the best advantage.

The information procured through registration will be used as an aid to the Military Authorities in procuring the men necessary to maintain "Canada's First Line of Defence"—to mobilize all units of available labor in the Dominion and direct them from less essential to more essential occupations—to establish and intelligently administer a system of food rationing should that become necessary.

Issued by authority of **Canada Registration Board**